

## SWANN LACKS PROOF OF "GILDED VICE"

District Attorney Admits the Tales About Social Leaders Are Doubtful.

### "NOBLEMAN" IN CUSTODY

Marchese Who Claims Friendship of Deputy Police Commissioner Repudiated.

District Attorney Swann and Assistant District Attorney Smith, in charge of the "white slave" investigation, reluctantly admitted yesterday lack of conclusive evidence to show that persons of high social standing were definitely connected with any conspiracy having to do with traffic in women.

They admitted this more by inference than by actual statement, as all inquiries on the subject were skillfully parried. Previously Assistant District Attorney Smith had announced that "a man in high social standing" had given him the names of ten places in the city where persons of supposed respectability met women of doubtful reputation. Yesterday, however, Mr. Smith denied having evidence against any such places.

"All I can say," said District Attorney Swann, "is that we will prosecute those against whom we have evidence. Whether those persons are of much social prominence is a matter to be proved later. I don't know whether they are or not."

"Why don't you arrest those persons of high social standing whom you say you have cases against?" Mr. Smith was asked.

"Who said I had any evidence against them?" Mr. Smith returned. "I cannot go into those cases just now."

### Stories Mostly Hearsay

From other sources, however, it was learned that the prosecutors' diagnosis has so far failed to gather in any one above the "social standing" of a professional dancer, and the stories concerning alleged wealthy persons with expensive disorderly reports are mostly hearsay from procurers who supply women to houses above the average maintained on the East Side.

In answer to the question if the present vice investigation was not being used as preselection campaign material, District Attorney Swann only reiterated his statement that the investigation would be carried wherever the trails lead. He declined to take the matter up as a political question.

A feature of the white slave developments yesterday was the detention of a man who gave his name as Rudolph Guglielmo and said he was an "Italian marchese," and a woman who said she was Mrs. Georgia E. Thym. Both were taken into custody by detectives from the District Attorney's office in apartments in Seventh avenue, near Fifty-eighth street, and have given valuable information which Mr. Smith said would lead to further "interesting developments."

### Nobleman a Pretender

"Marchese Guglielmo Roma," as he prefers to be known, is a nobleman "only to please the ladies," as he remarked. He is a professional dancer at hotels and has appeared in partnership with two dancers now on the stage. "Marchese" and Mrs. Thym explained how their apartment, with two others, was conducted, and implicated several others who it is expected will be arrested to-day.

Another case which interested Mr. Smith yesterday was the disappearance of a seventeen-year-old girl who was employed in a large hotel. She is missing with three other girls and is suspected of having been taken away by a Turk, steward of the hotel, who is thought to have set up a harem somewhere in the city. Mr. Smith is now looking for this harem and will present what details he has about it to the Grand Jury to-day.

Nathan Batinsky, alias Nathan London, under indictment with David Siberia and others for white slavery, made a full confession to the District Attorney yesterday, giving additional details of the conspiracy to trap girls on the East Side and by force and intimidation hold them in disorderly resorts.

London was a partner of Siberia, and his principal business was to bring customers to houses which they conducted in several places on the East Side. The arrest of "Marchese Guglielmo" revealed the fact that he was on friendly terms with Deputy Police Commissioner Lord, who admitted having met the dancer while in Philadelphia recently. Mr. Lord said, however, he knew him only slightly, and refused to go on his bell when he was held in \$10,000 by Judge Rosinsky in General Sessions.

### \$25,000,000 IN GOLD COMES

Consigned to Account of Morgan & Co. From Canada.

One of the largest, if not the largest, gold shipment which has been made to this country since the outbreak of the war arrived yesterday for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. and was deposited in the Assay Office.

The shipment came by way of Canada and amounted, according to estimates made by a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., to approximately \$25,000,000. Some authorities placed the amount higher, estimating it at \$27,500,000. Based on the Morgan figure yesterday's consignment brings the total gold which has arrived here on this movement, which began in May of this year, up to approximately \$248,896,000.

The metal came in 446 wooden boxes, of which 73 arrived yesterday, the remainder coming on Sunday. The boxes averaged about \$30,000 apiece.

### TO RENEW ROCK ISLAND NOTES

Receiver Authorized to Borrow Funds as Alternative.

In an order signed yesterday in the United States District Court, Judge Charles M. Hough authorized Jacob M. Dickinson, receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, to renew the \$7,500,000 worth of 6 per cent. collateral trust gold notes due August 15, 1916, or as an alternative to borrow sufficient money to pay the notes. The order also gives the receiver the right to pay out \$1,573,111 in interest and principal due on other of the road's bond and note obligations.

### Take Step to Protect U. S. Mails

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Arrangements to forward mails to the Philippines by army transport, announced yesterday in San Francisco, were followed here to-day by official announcement that mails for the United States postal agency at Shanghai no longer would be despatched through Vancouver, B. C. The purpose ostensibly is to remove the mails from proximity of British interference. The decision to carry mails to the Philippines by army transports involves the State and War departments and the Post Office Department.

## MORTALITY RISES IN PARALYSIS CASES

Yet Health Board Insists Usual Children's Ailments Are Not Mistaken.

### DISEASE STILL MYSTERY

Epidemic Rapidly Passing and Federal Officers Will Soon Depart.

As the cases of infantile paralysis begin perceptively to decrease despite an upward movement at intervals, which is not considered alarming, there has been a noticeable advance in the mortality ratio. The last figures announced by the Health Department fixed the death rate at .31 per cent, while since that time there has been a slight advance in the rate, data on which will be submitted by the Board of Health this week.

Commissioner Emerson, commenting on this yesterday, issued two statements designed primarily to allay various critics who have steadily maintained that the growing ratio of deaths to the number of new cases has been inaccurate, due partly to incorrect diagnoses.

"I would call attention," said Dr. Emerson, "to the fact that deaths in this disease follow so shortly after the onset and report of the cases as to justify using the weekly report list as a basis of calculating a weekly death rate, and that although there may be isolated cases of a wrong diagnosis, we have checked up so thoroughly on the subject that we do not believe the criticism quite a just one."

### Deaths Are Characteristic

"Our investigation into the causes of deaths show that in practically every case of death attributed to infantile paralysis the death occurred from respiratory paralysis in a way so characteristic as to avoid all possibility of confusion with deaths from diarrhoeal diseases."

In the twenty-four hours ended yesterday morning, forty-three new cases of poliomyelitis were reported to the Health Department, an increase of four over the previous day, but thirty less than last Tuesday. Deaths totaled twenty-one, an increase of five. This slight increase was anticipated and a further increase is looked for to-day. Manhattan is now leading all the boroughs in the number of new cases and deaths, recording fifteen and nine respectively yesterday. The epidemic on Manhattan is proving a hard one to stamp out.

### Federal Staff to Withdraw

Yet so optimistic was Dr. Charles E. Banks of the United States Public Health Service that the epidemic is really on the wane that he said most of his staff would leave the city within ten days or two weeks. Dr. C. E. Lavinder of the Federal Research bureau, who is working in cooperation with the city's bacteriologists, has made little headway in determining the cause or spread of the disease, although most of the experts have agreed that it gradually burns itself out of available material. Beyond this science has not penetrated.

Licenses Commissioner Bell said yesterday in reply to statements of confusion in the reopening of the motion picture theatre to children that his office had issued the requisite permission and he could not understand why all the managers did not receive permits.

The Health Department announced that there seemed no reason to believe that the schools would not be opened on September 25, the tentative date set.

### Disease Wanes in Newark

Health authorities of Newark were jubilant yesterday over the decrease of the paralysis epidemic, there having been only four new cases reported in the last twenty-four hours and one death. In the rest of New Jersey twenty new cases were reported, making a total of 2,774. Five municipalities, heretofore unaffected, appeared in yesterday's list.

The New York State Board of Health announced figures showing a total of 2,304 cases and 243 deaths since the beginning of the epidemic. Fourteen cases with the highest proportion for its population. One death and four new cases were reported from there yesterday.

Dr. Earl C. Peck, assistant resident physician at the Municipal Hospital, Philadelphia, died yesterday from infantile paralysis. He had attended hundreds of child patients. Dr. Peck was 24 years old and lived in Newton, Mass.

Horace A. Quimby, member of last year's Harvard varsity crew, developed infantile paralysis at his home in Springfield, Mass., yesterday.

The opening of the Boston public schools has been postponed to September 25 on account of the epidemic.

### PARALYSIS RECORD.

Day's Deaths and New Cases as Reported by Boroughs.

Deaths and new cases of infantile paralysis reported by the Health Department yesterday follow:

#### DEATHS.

Manhattan.

William Best, 244 East Forty-ninth street; John Mahabades, 240 East Twenty-eighth street; John Lynch, 113 East Forty-fifth street; Albert Hoffmann, Jr., 174 West Twenty-seventh street; Benjamin Seberman, 25 Avenue D; Joseph Miller, 100 Stanton street; David Calabro, 514 West Twenty-ninth street; Lillian Mathanson, 240 East 124th street; K. Isenstein, 194 East Houston street.

The Bronx.

Mr. M. Lourie, 1923 Boly avenue & Bunting street, Deas street and Lincoln avenue; Joseph Nash, 2029 Valentine avenue; Estelle Singer, 1472 Bryant avenue.

Brooklyn.

Anna Belgel, 157 Starr street; Edith Schreck, 2174 Dean street; Mosab Dreslin, 432 Bedford avenue; Maendel Goldberg, 108 Stafford avenue; Helen Olsen, 98 Louquer street; Harry Steiner, 480 Bradford street; Edith Press, 156 Lorimer street.

Queens.

Edith Thompson, 19 Edgewood place, Jamaica.

Richmond.

None.

#### NEW CASES.

Manhattan.

Sarah Jacobs, 221 Madison street; Naomi Manger, 241 East Thirty-fourth street; Anna Malawsky, 424 East Thirtieth street; Sam Siller, 248 East Thirtieth street; Lucy Callinitt, 242 East Thirtieth street; George Robertson, 423 West Thirtieth street; Johann Wagner, 207 Tenth avenue; Edward J. Jager, 1239 Avenue A; Albert Hindinger, 274 West 17th street; Joseph Forestein, 1442 Lexington avenue; Isidor Marion, 220 East Ninety-ninth street; Mary Rial, 311 East 104th street; Edith Jordan, 218 East 119th street; Jacob Kohn, 2419 Second avenue; George Fainstett, 123 West 14th street.

The Bronx.

Victor Stantwell, 1428 Vyse avenue; Joseph Manna, 2217 Crotona avenue; Carl Schulte, 2469 Davidson avenue; Hyman Solomon, 1671 Fulton avenue; Joseph O'Neill, 510 Concord avenue; Baby Russo, 1274 Third avenue; Joseph Delmer, 473 Freeman street; James Nash, 2029 Valentine avenue.

Brooklyn.

Blanche Zeiring, 223 Bradford street; Ruben Alteri, 202 Thadford avenue; Annie Berman, 243 Bergen street; Harold Ritz, 243 Stanton street; Emma H. Hagan, 243 Stanton street.

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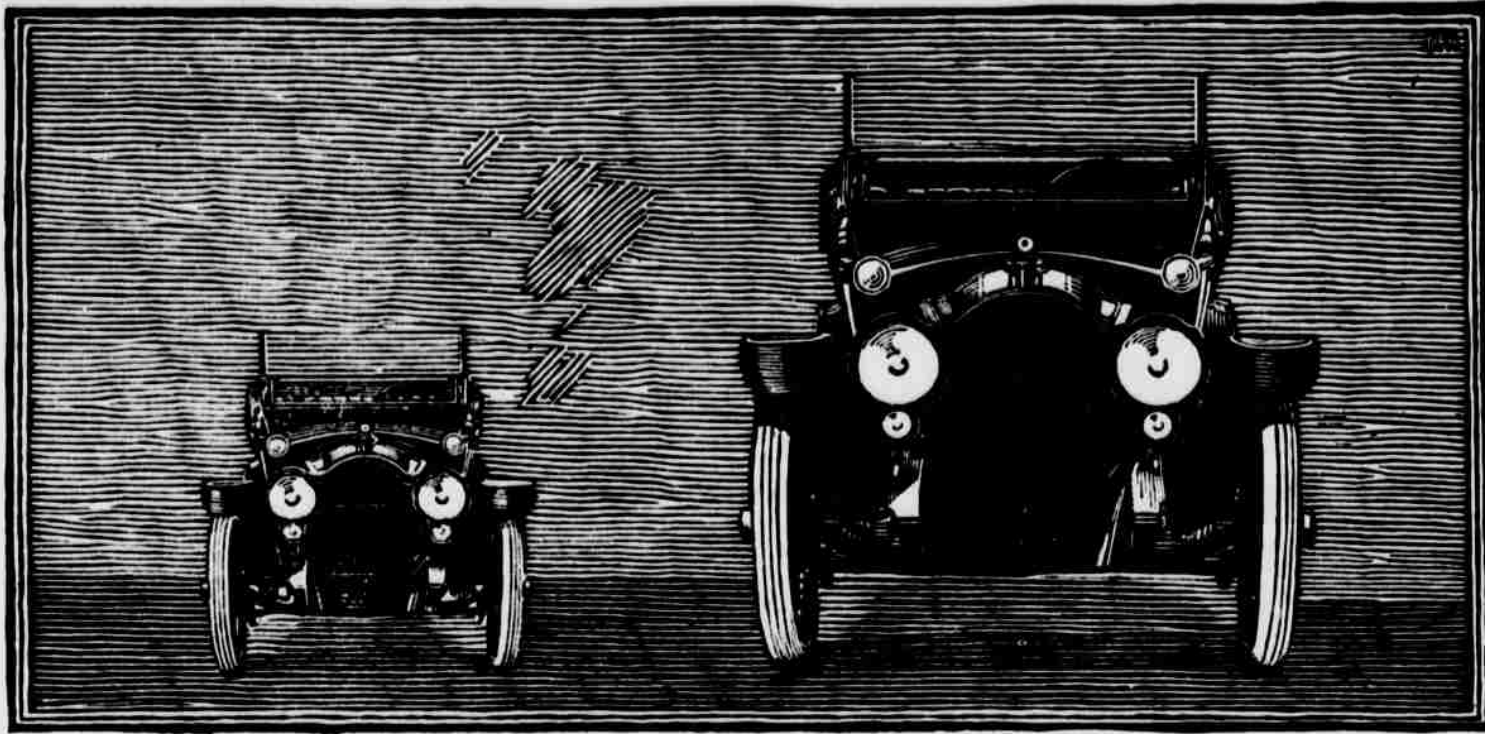
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